

Miller Peninsula Centennial Dedication Project Preliminary Park Development and Conservation Concept

During the past year, Washington State Parks began a public visioning process towards redevelopment of Sequim Bay State Park and development of a new park at its 2,800-acre Miller Peninsula property nearby. The goal of this multi-year initiative is to open the system's newest park in time for State Parks' centennial celebration in 2013.

The first step in this process is to craft a compelling concept/vision for the park, name it, and identify potential recreation and conservation opportunities to include in the planning and design process.

In February 2006, State Parks held the first in a series of public workshops toward this end. At this initial meeting, participants suggested their ideas for park development along with other hopes and concerns they had about the project.

Park planners then incorporated these ideas into a series of alternative park concepts: *Family/Group Retreat, Accessible Wilderness, Adventure Sports, and Cultural Campus*. The alternative concepts were posted on the project webpage and presented to the public for comment at a planning workshop in October 2006.

[http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/millerpenn/\(5\) Alternative Park Development and Conservation Concepts.pdf](http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/millerpenn/(5) Alternative Park Development and Conservation Concepts.pdf)

Planners have now incorporated public input, initial site analysis, statewide recreation surveys and studies, and economic analyses into a single preliminary park concept. The pages that follow include a series of panels describing the kinds of parks Miller Peninsula and Sequim Bay State Park might ultimately become, as well as desirable features and amenities to consider during future planning phases.

We stress that listed park features and amenities are not intended as a final park proposal. Instead, listed features should be considered a *menu* from which the best elements will be incorporated into a detailed park master plan during the next planning phase. It is unlikely that all elements are ultimately feasible, and those that are will require several phases to construct.

Park planners will present this preliminary concept, as well as suggested park names, for your input at a public planning workshop scheduled for January 22, 2007, 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., at the Carrie Blake Park Guy Cole Convention Center, 202 N. Blake St. in Sequim. This information has been posted to give participants (you) an opportunity to review materials in advance and bring your preferences and ideas to the public workshop. If you are unable to attend the public workshop, please provide your input via e-mail:

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Agency staff will incorporate public input and bring a finalized park concept/vision and name to the State Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration and adoption at its scheduled March 8, 2007 meeting in Castle Rock.

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NATURE WITHIN REACH

Interpretation, Exploration, Recreation and Relaxation in a Natural Setting

Program could include:

- Walking/Hiking
- Biking
- Horseback riding
- Birdwatching and wildlife viewing
- Interpretation
- Learning
- Discovery
- Lodging and camping

A Central Village of lodging and amenities in a Pacific Northwest destination park featuring interpretation, exploration, low-impact recreation, and relaxation.

After a long walk along the cobble beach, up the hill through Spruce Canyon, Lynne could hardly wait to get back to her book next to the lodge fireplace.



NATURE WITHIN REACH

Mission / Vision

Create a new destination state park that reflects the larger North Olympic Peninsula community, and is a significant and integral part of its larger network of recreation, education and conservation. The park should embody a Pacific Northwest architectural style, celebrate the unique qualities of its physical setting and create a significant legacy for future generations. As a new destination park for the 21st century and beyond, the park has the potential to demonstrate sustainable design and resource stewardship, as well as establish a new model for public/private partnership and financial sustainability.

Core Values

The concept will embody the following core values:

1. *Promote open space, conservation and restoration of natural areas*
 - Target a development footprint of 10% of the total site while potentially setting aside more than 80% of the total site area for preservation, restoration and enhancement.
 - Focus primary development within a central village.
 - Protect natural areas, cultural sites, and recreational features
 - Identify and protect priority wildlife habitats, species, and priority plant communities
 - Explore opportunities to enhance natural processes and restore degraded landscape and habitat areas
2. *Model Stewardship - Sustainable design and green management practices*
 - All new buildings will target a LEED Silver rating
 - Minimize water and energy use and use clean energy systems where possible
 - Utilize reclaimed water and native plantings
 - Promote waste reduction and recycling
 - Promote creative stormwater management
 - Utilize environmentally friendly products and techniques where possible
 - Foster continued education and stewardship
3. *Partner with tribes, non-profits, and businesses to provide recreational and other public amenities and services.*
4. *Promote and foster education/ learning/ discovery/ interpretation/ stewardship.*
5. *Be a Good Neighbor*
 - Support community, events and activities.
 - Work with neighboring communities to address park-related impacts both positive and negative.



NATURE WITHIN REACH

Park Features appropriate for consideration during future master planning:

Restoration

Protect sensitive resources
Enhance natural plant and
animal communities
Control invasive species

Interpretation

Meeting/ classroom/ program
space
Interpretive Center
Demonstration and interpretation
of restoration and reserve areas
Tours and presentations
Interpretive trails and displays
Establish interpretive network
(web, center, kiosks, and signs)

Exploration

Visitor Orientation Center
Bird watching/ wildlife viewing
Beachcombing
Walking/Hiking
Biking
Horseback riding
Presentations/ Tours
Viewpoints

Recreation

Trails (non-motorized)
Single use and multi-use
Pedestrian, Equestrian, Bicycle
Water trails
Fitness/ challenge course
Orienteering/ geocaching
Regional/ local connections - to
Olympic Discovery Trail system
Trailheads
Day use facilities
Picnic areas
Picnic Shelters

Relaxation

Lodging
Camping
Tent, yurt, RV, Group, Volunteer,
Walk-in
Cabins
Lodge/hostel

Visitor Services

Spa/ exercise/ health facilities
Food services
Park store (essentials)
Gift/ book shop
Recreation equipment rentals
Tours
Laundry facilities
Restrooms/ showers

Administration and maintenance facilities

Administration offices
Maintenance shop/ yard
Staff housing/ dormitory

Infrastructure

Entrance/ access Roads
Parking
Utilities – water, sewer, power,
communications

SEQUIM BAY STATE PARK

Park Features appropriate for consideration during future master planning:

Interpretation

Overnight group facility
Tours and presentations
Classroom and meeting space
Establish interpretive network
(web, center, kiosk, and signs)

Recreation

Swimming
Kayaking
Boating/moorage
Boat launch
Fishing
Crabbing
Shellfish Harvesting
Day use facilities
 Picnic areas
 Picnic shelters
Trails (non-motorized)
 Pedestrian
 Bicycle
 Water trails
Regional/ local connections - to
 Olympic Discovery Trail system
 Trailheads

Relaxation

Lodging
Reconfigured Camping
 Tent, yurt, RV, Group
Cabins

Visitor Services

Food services

Administration and maintenance facilities

Administration offices
Maintenance shop/ yard
Staff housing/ dormitory